Year	Estimated Foreign Exchange Earnings (Rs. in crores)
1997	10725.64
1998	11540.25
1999	12498.93

(c) Various steps have been taken to expand tourist facilities include Central financial assistance to the North Eastern States for the development of tourist infrastructure including Budget Accommodation, Wayside amenities, Pilgrim centres etc. An amount of Rs. 3573.04 lakhs has been sanctioned during the year 1998-99 for the development of tourism in the North Eastern States.

Pending tourism projects

1346. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise list of tourism projects sent by various states for approval during the last two years;

(b) the number of projects approved together with financial assistance provided in each projects; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to exploit tourism potential
in the country to the maximum extent?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR): (a) and (b) State-wise list of tourism projects for various States during the last 2 years is given in the Statement *(See* below)

(c) During 1999-2000, over 600 projects for an amount of Rs. 20,600.89 lakhs have been prioritised for development of tourism in consultation with the State/UT Governments.

Statement

List of tourism projects received and financial assistance sanctioned to various States during the year 1997-1998 and 1998-99

(Rs. in lakhs)

	1997-98		1998-99	
State	No. of projects sanctioned	Amount Sanctioned	No. of projects sanctioned	amount Sanctioned
Andhra Pradesh	12	206.70	10	244.08
Assam	12	288.88	9	348.10

(Rs. in lakhs)

State	1997-98 No. of projects sanctioned	Amount Sanctioned	1998-99 No. of projects sanctioned	amount Sanctioned
Arunachal Pradesh	9	271.00	4	178.30
Bihar	11	233.07	8	183.31
Goa	7	144.62	14	328.98
Gujarat	7	111.84	15	449.57
Haryana	6	108.24	9	277.08
Himachal Pradesh	5	119.00	6	295.00
J and K	10	293.35	4	139.85
Karnataka	10	130.78	12	399.82
Kerala	11	282.00	13	653.05
Madhya Pradesh	9	119.31	18	441.39
Maharashtra	12	169.84	17	483.77
Manipur	5	186.11	9	99.48
Meghalaya	5	85.70	8	200.00
Mizoram	6	142.45	8	175.16
Nagaland	4	116.90	7	223.64
Orissa	28	557.05	4	170.60
Punjab	6	52.87	1	97.64
Rajasthan	13	107.33	19	376.47
Sikkim	10	65.20	19	238.58
Tamil Nadu	7	59.74	17	316.20
Tripura	8	126.68	8	81.25
Uttar Pradesh	13	221.10	31	876.96
West Bengal	6	157.76	10	201.13
Andaman and Nicobar	1	60.00	4	162.50
Chandigarh	—	—	2	47.91
Dadra Nagar Haveli	1	5.20	2	20.00
Delhi	7	229.43	7	132.70
Daman and Diu	4	60.17	—	—
Lakshadweep	1	5.00	1	29.50
Pondicherry	4	35.64	2	15.00
TOTAL	250	4752.96	298	7887.02